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Listing of the claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of providing message notification for a user comprising the steps of:
 - a. coupling a message notification application to a server, wherein the server stores messages for the user;
 - b. registering the message notification application to at least one instant messaging service;
 - c. accessing one of the at least one instant messaging service by the user;
 - d. signing the user onto the message notification application by adding the user to a buddy list of the message notification application thereby associating the user to the one instant messaging service which the user is currently accessing; and